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contour pick-up unit by any of coefficients  $1/8$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $1/2$  and 1 for outputting the product thereof, four AND gates respectively connected to the output sides of the four multipliers for using the signal interpreted by said decoder as gate control signal, the OR gate connected to the output sides of the four AND gates.

9. A contour emphasizing circuit according to Claim 5, wherein the contour pick-up unit comprises a horizontal contour component pick-up unit for sampling the contour component in horizontal direction from input video signal.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to issuance of the first Office Action is respectfully solicited. These amendments incorporate the Article 34.2(b) amendments made to the claims at the PCT level and are intended to place the application in better form for consideration by the Examiner.

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